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(FGT 1697 PA)Amendment To The Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A vehicle comprising: ~~telescoping roof rack assembly for a vehicle having a truck bed, comprising:~~

a roof;

a truck bed having a pair of sidewalls; and

a telescoping roof rack assembly comprising a roof rack section and a truck bed section;

~~a roof rack section for attachment to a roof of the vehicle;~~

said roof rack section including a first pair of supports fixedly coupled to said roof of the vehicle;

said first pair of supports ~~being~~ positioned substantially parallel to each other and generally along a longitudinal axis of the vehicle; [[and]]

said truck bed section comprising a second pair of supports and a pair of pillar members;

~~a truck bed section including a~~ said second pair of supports ~~that are~~ telescopically coupled to said first pair of supports of said roof rack section;

~~said truck bed section further including a~~ said pair of pillar members extending substantially downwardly from said second pair of supports;

~~each of~~ said pillar members having a bottom portion slidably coupled to said pair of sidewalls of said truck bed; ~~a sidewall of the truck bed;~~

[[the]] said telescoping roof rack assembly moveable between a retracted position and an extended position;

[[the]] said telescoping roof rack assembly in said retracted position permitting attachment of an object to said roof rack section and unobstructed use of [[the]] said truck bed;

[[the]] said telescoping roof rack assembly in said extended position extending over [[the]] said truck bed and permitting attachment of said object to at least one of said roof rack section and said truck bed section.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 1 wherein said roof rack section of said telescoping roof rack assembly is attached to said roof by ~~further includes~~ a plurality of leg portions extending from ~~each of~~ said first pair of supports, ~~for attaching said roof rack section to said roof.~~

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Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 2 wherein ~~each of~~ said first pair of supports is sized for telescopingly receiving ~~one of~~ said second pair of supports and extending substantially along the length of said roof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 1 wherein said first pair of supports has at least one cross member extending therebetween.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 1 wherein said second pair of supports has at least one cross member extending therebetween.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 1 further comprising:

an intermediate pair of supports that are telescopically fitted between said first pair of supports and said second pair of supports, said intermediate pair of supports ~~[[for]]~~ increasing extension of the telescoping roof rack assembly.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 6 wherein each of said first pair of supports is sized for telescopingly receiving one of said intermediate pair of supports, each of said intermediate pair of supports ~~being~~ sized for telescopically receiving one of said second pair of supports.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 7 further comprising:

at least one supplemental cross member selectively ~~being~~ mounted between at least one of said second pair of supports and said intermediate pair of supports;

said at least one supplemental cross member having a pair of opposing end portions with a pair of protrusions extending therefrom for insertion into a pair of holes formed within an inboard side of at least one of said second pair of supports and said intermediate pair of supports.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

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Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A vehicle comprising: telescoping roof rack assembly
for a vehicle having a truck bed, comprising:

a roof;

a truck bed having a pair of sidewalls; and

a telescoping roof rack assembly comprised of a roof rack section, a truck bed section and
an arched cover;

a roof rack section for attachment to a roof of the vehicle;

said roof rack section including a first pair of supports fixedly coupled to said roof of the
vehicle;

said first pair of supports being positioned substantially parallel to each other and along a
longitudinal axis of the vehicle;

said truck bed section comprised of a second pair of supports and a pair of pillar
members;

a truck bed section including a said second pair of supports that are telescopically
coupled to said first pair of supports of said roof rack section;

said truck bed section further including a said pair of pillar members extending
substantially downwardly from said second pair of supports;

each of said pair of pillar members having a bottom portion slidably coupled to one of a
said pair of sidewalls lining [[the]] said truck bed; [[and]]

[[an]] said arched cover [[for]] enclosing a space within [[the]] said truck bed;

said arched cover defining said space at a height substantially equal to a height of said
roof;

said arched cover ~~adapted for attachment~~ attached to at least one of said sidewalls lining
[[the]] said truck bed and said truck bed section of the telescoping roof rack assembly;

[[the]] said telescoping roof rack assembly moveable between a retracted position and an
extended position;

[[the]] said telescoping roof rack assembly in said retracted position permitting
attachment of an object to said roof rack section and unobstructed use of [[the]] said truck bed;

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[[the]] said telescoping roof rack assembly in said extended position extending over [[the]] said truck bed and permitting attachment of said object to at least one of said roof rack section and said truck bed section.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 10 wherein said roof rack section is attached to said roof by ~~further includes~~ a plurality of leg portions extending from ~~each of~~ said first pair of supports, ~~for attaching said roof rack section to said roof.~~

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 11 wherein ~~each of~~ said first pair of supports is sized for telescopingly receiving ~~one of~~ said second pair of supports.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 10 wherein said first pair of supports has at least one cross member extending therebetween.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 10 wherein said second pair of supports has at least one cross member extending therebetween.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 10 further comprising:

an intermediate pair of supports that are telescopically fitted between said first pair of supports and said second pair of supports, said intermediate pair of supports [[for]] increasing extension of the telescoping roof rack assembly.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 15 wherein each of said first pair of supports is sized for telescopingly receiving one of said intermediate pair of supports, each of said intermediate pair of supports ~~being~~ sized for telescopically receiving one of said second pair of supports.

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Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The vehicle ~~telescoping roof rack assembly~~ of claim 16 further comprising:

at least one supplemental cross member selectively being mounted between at least one of said second pair of supports and said intermediate pair of supports;

said at least one supplemental cross member having a pair of opposing end portions with a pair of protrusions extending therefrom for insertion into a pair of holes formed within an inboard side of at least one of said second pair of supports and said intermediate pair of supports;

one of said protrusions being a spring-loaded nub with a retractor extending therefrom for selectively retracting said spring-loaded nub and removing said at least one supplemental cross member from said second pair of supports and said intermediate pair of supports.

Claims 18 (Currently Amended): A method for manufacturing a vehicle comprising: ~~telescoping roof rack assembly for a vehicle having a truck bed, comprising:~~

fixedly coupling a first pair of supports to a roof of the vehicle, said first pair of supports positioned substantially parallel to each other along a longitudinal axis of the vehicle;

telescopically coupling a second pair of supports to said first pair of supports, said second pair of supports ~~being~~ moveable between a retracted position and an extended position, said second pair of supports in said retracted position overlapping said first pair of supports and permitting unobstructed use of ~~[[the]]~~ said truck bed, said second pair of supports in said extended position extending over ~~[[the]]~~ said truck bed; and

slidably coupling a pair of pillar members to a pair of sidewalls lining the truck bed.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 18 wherein telescopically coupling said second pair of supports to said first pair of supports comprises inserting said second pair of supports into said first pair of supports, respectively.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 19 wherein slidably coupling said pair of pillar members to said pair of sidewalls comprises coupling a tongue portion of ~~each of~~ said pair of pillar members to a channel integrated in said pair of sidewalls. ~~integrate in each of said sidewalls.~~

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Claim 21 (New): The vehicle of claim 1 wherein said second pair of supports in said retracted position overlaps said first pair of supports and provides unobstructed use of said truck bed, said second pair of supports in said extended position extending over said truck bed.